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ANNUAL REPORT

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1876-1877

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.



MONTPELIER:

FREEMAN STEAM PRINTING HOUSE AND BINDERY.

1876.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

The inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified to meet in Concert Hall, in the Village of Northfield, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To hear and act upon the several Town Reports.
- 3d. To elect all necessary Town Officers and vote for County Commissioner.
- 4th. To raise money to defray the current expenses of the Town and its indebtedness.
- 5th. To raise money for highway purposes in addition to the legal highway tax.
- 6th. To see if the town will exempt the polls of Firemen from taxation.
- 7th. To make alterations in School Districts.
- 8th. To do any other proper business.

D. W. HADLEY,
E. K. JONES,
O. D. EDGERTON, } *Selectmen.*

Northfield, Vt., Feb. 23, 1876.

REPORTS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The following is a schedule of orders drawn by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1876.

No.		
1	Nancy Quimby, interest on order No. 110 of 1872.....	\$31 54
2	do do renewal of do do do	412 00
3	Trustees of 1st Restoration Society for rent of Concert Hall for year ending Nov. 17, 1875.....	30 00
4	E. H. Howes, school tax district No. 2, on town farm...	7 50
5	do making 5 barrels cider for town farm in 1873.....	1 25
6	E. K. Jones, services as Selectman and Overseer.....	75 00
7	O. D. Edgerton, do do do	97 50
8	R. W. Clark, do Lister	37 50
9	Roxana Nichols, renewal of order No. 118 of 1872.....	300 00
10	do interest on order No. 118 do	22 10
11	Geo. H. Crane, services as Auditor.....	3 75
12	E. S. Stebbins, do do	3 75
13	C. D. Williams, do do	3 75
14	C. S. Richmond, do as town Treasurer 1874.....	20 00
15	James Morse, do as Lister.....	50 00
16	D. W. Hadley, do as Selectman and Overseer....	43 75
17	A. D. Metcalf, do as Lister.....	12 50
18	E. W. Howe, cutting ice in brook, Union St.....	12 00
19	Joel Winch, collecting taxes 1870 and 1871, vote of town	200 00
20	Northfield Savings Bank, renewal of No. 71 of 1871....	400 00
21	do do do interest on order No. 71 of '71	94 93
22	Wilson Hedges, breaking roads	10 00
23	Joseph Gould, interest on U. S. deposit fund.....	407 33
24	Roxana Nichols, money borrowed.....	200 00
25	E. K. Jones, witness fees and expense, case C. A. White	41 73
26	O. D. Edgerton, witness fees and expense, case C. A. White.....	38 96
27	Ira A. Holton, services as Lister	42 50
28	James Morse, renewal of order No. 39 of 1870.....	150 00
29	do one year's interest on order No. 39, 1870.	9 00
30	Northfield Savings Bank, money borrowed.....	200 00
31	Chas. H. Heath, legal service	50 00
32	Carrie M. Smith, renewal of order No. 24 of 1873.....	500 00
33	do interest on do do	30 00
34	C. F. Dutton, timber for bridge.....	14 42
35	Martin Cobleigh, frame for town charter.....	2 00
36	Chas. A. White, damage to team on highway	8 90
37	Betsey Porter, renewal of order No. 43 of 1871.....	350 00
38	do interest on do do	21 00

39	John A. Tyler, plank and timber for Mayo bridge.....	\$15 34
40	Laban F. Webster, plank for bridge in 1874....	12 00
41	Frank W. Gold, plank for bridge.....	15 00
42	Geo. B. B. Denny, recording deaths and births &c.....	22 35
43	Ira Mann, sheriff's fee, case Town vs. H. M. Boyce....	20 92
44	Wm. G. Wiley, timber and plank for bridge in 1874...	5 00
45	Wilson Hedges, breaking roads.....	2 00
46	Nelson Hassam, balance of contract care of highway district No. 25, 1874.....	25 00
47	Nelson Hassam, building Aldrich bridge	35 00
48	A. J. Hutchinson, overwork highway district No. 26..	10 00
49	Wm. E. Dunsmoor, bal. of work on highway bill, 1874	25 00
50	Samuel Andrews, overwork highway district No. 29...	5 00
51	J. C. Gallup, services as Lister	49 37
52	Newton Martin, overwork on highway, 1874	16 00
53	Alex. Bell, do do 1873-4.	10 00
54	Henry Averill, plank for bridge, district No. 20, 1874...	4 75
55	E. F. Buzzell, overwork on highway district No. 10, 1874	19 00
56	Roger Donahue, plank for bridge district No. 13, 1874.	7 86
57	Michael Mullaly, work on highway.....	5 00
58	A. K. Johnson, overwork on highway	25 00
59	Wm. M. Smith, plank and timber, district No. 21	4 56
60	A. A. Preston, balance salary, insurance, &c., liquor agent.....	26 98
61	Selectmen, purchase of liquor.....	116 40
62	do do do	134 83
63	A. L. Williams, plank, highway district No. 20	1 92
64	R. Dewey, surveying highway at Falls	2 50
65	E. K. Jones, plank and powder for highway.....	10 90
66	Ann Harrington, renewal of order No. 54 of 1872	100 00
67	do one year's interest do do	6 00
68	Jonas Rich, plank for bridge, district No. 15.....	24 99
69	E. W. Howe, building the Emerson bridge over the river, and the Metcalf bridge over the brook ...	180 00
70	Wm. R. Tucker, damage for laying highway across land	25 00
71	Geo. H. Fisher, Mead and Briggs, repairing buggy for Ferris	39 75
72	Geo. H. Richmond, auction bills, sale town House....	1 75
73	Jonas Rich, plank for bridge, district No. 16	3 10
74	Michael Mackin, conductor from sewer on North St....	6 00
75	J. W. Rowell, legal services before Auditor, Town vs. Judd	25 00
76	John Clark, overwork and plank on highway, 1874....	30 00
77	T. B. R. Hildreth, overwork on highway.....	47 17
78	Rice, Bacon & Chase, plank for bridges.....	51 34
79	John A. Tyler, plank for highway district No.—.....	3 47
80	E. W. Howe, rods, bolts, nails, &c., bridges, Water St..	8 81
81	Joseph Denny, renewal of order No. 126 of 1873, No. 59 of 1873, and No. 30 of 1873, and interest.....	190 63
82	H. B. Briggs, plank for highway districts No. 22 and 26.....	23 06
83	Henry Averill, interest on order No. 57 of 1874.....	6 00
84	Jacob Flanders, damage on highway.....	25 00
85	Northfield Savings Bank, six months interest on order No. 20 of 1875.....	12 00
86	C. F. Dutton, plank for bridges, highway district No.	28 43
87	Nancy Quimby, part payment of order No. 2 of 1875.	100 00

88	Wm. D. Plastringe, plank highway district No. 25....	\$6 23
89	John A. Kent, six months service as Liquor Agent....	50 00
90	Olive Simonds, interest on order No. 11 of '67, No. 11 of '68, No. 79 of '69	24 04
91	Olive Simonds, renewal of order No. 11 of 1868	39 37
92	do do do do do 1867 and No. 79 of 1869.....	138 75
93	Moses Robinson, interest on the notes due on the Poor Farm to April 1st, 1875, and on that amount to Oct. 29th, 1875.....	1006 80
94	Walter H. Dunsmoor, breaking roads.....	2 00
95	Bridget Sullivan, renewal o. 42, No. 47 and No. 71 all of 1875.....	99 26
96	Mrs. D. Dyke, lumber for highway.....	1 20
98	E. C. Jackson, building highway across lands of Moses Robinson and John Henry.....	195 00
99	Oscar O. Miller, plank, timber and nails, highway 1874.....	2 22
100	Ira Whittaker, building Brigham bridge.....	28 00
101	G. K. Edwards, breaking roads, 1874.....	3 00
102	John Hogan, damage, winter road through meadow..	5 00
103	Northfield Savings Bank, interest on order No. 53 of 1872.....	14 60
104	H. S. Glidden, breaking roads	15 75
105	L. L. Putney, do do	15 75
106	Wm. Ahearn, do do	2 22
107	Chas. E. Reed, do do	6 39
108	Geo. Foss, do do	4 57
109	Geo. Remick, do do	6 60
110	Alonzo Foss, do do	5 80
111	Roswell Dewey, surveying road near John Henry's...	2 50
112	John Henry, part damage for road across his land....	30 00
113	C. Farnsworth, lumber and timber bridge district No. 39.....	3 97
114	Isaiah Verge, damage on highway.....	2 00
115	Willard A. Rice, plank for highway district No. 15...	1 22
116	John Plastringe, overwork on highway	47 00
117	J. & L. E. Kelty, damage self and team on highway, 1874.....	10 00
118	Francis Corbea, damage to ox on highway	10 00
119	Moses Robinson, damage for laying road across land..	157 00
120	O. D. Edgerton, pay arbitration cases of J. Henry and M. Robinson	7 50
121	Bridget M. Sullivan, money borrowed.....	100 00
122	J. P. Davis, witness fees, case Town v Judd	52 35
123	Lester Martyn, Insurance Ass't.....	5 81
124	L. L. Putney, plank for highway district No. 4	2 34
125	E. W. Howe, lumber and posts for highway.....	21 28
126	Geo. F. Glidden, plank for bridge.....	5 00
127	John Henry, part damage for road across his land....	100 00
128	Chas. E. Reed, error in taxes, 1874.....	1 80
129	John Henry, balance of land damage.....	25 00
130	J. W. Wheelock, Town Reports from 1870, blank book, orders, &c.....	104 25
131	J. W. Wheelock, binding laws and reports....	28 80
132	Holmes S. Thayer, renewal of order No. 3 of 1874 and interest	320 50
133	Northfield Savings Bank, interest on order No. 126 of 1873.....	18 00

134 Dan Guild, error in taxes.....	\$1 84
135 A. L. Williams, damage on highway.....	2 00
136 S. C. Williams, labor on stone wall by tomb.....	6 50
137 Vermont Manufacturing Co., hemlock lumber in 1874.....	4 30
138 T. B. R. Hildreth, plank, timber, and overwork on highway.....	11 00
139 Horace W. Davis, work on highway.....	3 00
140 Jas. N. Johnson, legal services.....	5 00
141 Edgerton Bros., supplies.....	10 75
142 O. D. Edgerton, expense and supplies.....	18 75
143 E. K. Jones, & Co., expense on cemetery at Center...	16 50
144 E. K. Jones, expense and supplies.....	14 00
145 L. W. Avery, driving hearse, 64 trips at 74c.....	47 36
146 D. W. Hadley, abating nuisance.....	2 00
147 John P. Davis, services and cash paid as agent for town.....	18 00
148 Stephen Cochran, damages laying road in 1870.....	55 00
149 W. G. Wiley, damage breaking sleigh 1874.....	2 00
150 Wm. H. Morris, teams decoration day, 1874,-5, and driving hearse.....	17 20
151 Chas. H. Heath, balance legal services in case of Judd	48 71
152 Frank Plumley, legal service, justice court.....	10 00
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	\$8522 62

D. W. HADLEY,
E. K. JONES,
O. D. EDGERTON, } *Selectmen.*

We have, this 29th day of February, 1876, examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen, and compared the same with vouchers, and find them correct.

GEO. H. CRANE,
C. D. WILLIAMS,
E. S. STEBBINS, } *Auditors.*

List of orders drawn in the year ending March 1, 1876, outstanding:
No.

2 Nancy Quimby.....	\$292 00
8 R. W. Clark.....	37 50
9 Roxana Nichols.....	300 00
20 Northfield Savings Bank.....	400 00
21 Northfield Savings Bank.....	94 93
24 Roxana Nichols.....	200 00
25 E. K. Jones.....	41 73
30 Northfield Savings Bank.....	100 00
32 Carrie M. Smith.....	500 00
36 Charles A. White.....	8 90
37 Betsey Porter.....	350 00
39 John A. Tyler.....	15 34
40 Laban Webster.....	12 00
46 Nelson Hassam.....	25 00
48 A. J. Hutchinson.....	10 00
49 William E. Dunsmoor.....	25 00
58 A. K. Johnson.....	25 00
66 Ann Harrington.....	100 00
69 E. W. Howe.....	180 00

73 Jonas Rich.....	\$3 10
77 T. B. R. Hildreth.....	47 17
79 John A. Tyler.....	3 47
81 Joseph Denny.....	190 63
83 Henry Averill.....	6 00
84 Jacob Flanders.....	25 00
86 Chester F. Dutton.....	28 43
91 Olive Simonds.....	39 37
92 Olive Simonds.....	138 75
93 Moses Robinson.....	1006 80
95 Bridget M. Sullivan.....	99 26
98 E. C. Jackson.....	195 00
117 J. and L. E. Kely.....	10 00
121 Bridget M. Sullivan.....	100 00
122 John P. Davis.....	52 35
125 E. W. Howe.....	21 28
126 Geo. F. Glidden.....	5 00
127 John Henry.....	100 00
130 J. W. Wheelock.....	104 25
131 J. W. Wheelock.....	28 80
132 Holmes S. Thayer.....	320 50
133 Northfield Savings Bank.....	18 00
137 Vermont Manufacturing Company.....	4 30
138 T. B. R. Hildreth.....	11 00
139 H. W. Davis.....	3 00
140 James N. Johnson.....	5 00
141 Edgerton Brothers.....	10 75
142 O. D. Edgerton.....	18 65
143 E. K. Jones & Co.....	16 50
144 E. K. Jones.....	14 00
145 L. W. Avery.....	47 36
148 Stephen Cochran.....	55 00
149 William G. Wiley.....	2 00
150 W. H. Morris.....	17 20
151 Charles H. Heath.....	48 71
152 Frank Plumley.....	10 00

\$5524 03

CURRENT EXPENSES OF SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Whole amount of orders issued for the year ending Feb. 29, 1876.....	\$8522 62
Deduct from this sum the amount of old orders renewed and for loans, used on account of current expenses and for interest on notes and orders.....	5611 75

Leaving the current expenses of the Selectmen's department proper..... 2910 87

D. W. HADLEY,	} Selectmen.
E. K. JONES,	
O. D. EDGERTON,	

TOWN POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.

Cost of Farm and improvement, as reported February 23, 1875.....	\$4682 24
Interest on the same one year.....	280 93
Provision, produce, furniture, stock, farming tools, &c....	1150 98
Grocery account.....	123 11
Medicine account.....	2 65
Repairs and supplies.....	42 56
Blacksmith's account.....	5 19
Labor account.....	167 59
Team work.....	10 00
Samuel Lampson 11 months' labor to March 1, 1876.....	183 33
Taxes.....	12 25
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	\$6660 83

CREDIT.

Value of Farm.....	\$4682 24
Stock on Farm.....	356 50
Hay, Grain, &c.....	218 75
Provisions.....	119 97
Farming tools.....	105 85
Sugar utensils.....	29 50
House furniture, &c.....	270 41
Wood.....	50 00
Stock and produce sold.....	321 81
Cash of Mrs. Phelps for the support of Theresa Briggs.....	52 00—\$6207 03
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	\$453 80

Schedule of orders issued by the Selectmen as Overseer of the Poor for the year ending February 29, 1876:

No.		
1	L. L. Putney, sawing wood on Poor Farm.....	\$11- 50
2	P. D. Bradford, medical services	19 00
3	Edgerton Bros.. on poor account.....	50 00
4	C. B. Viall, care in sickness and burial of Mrs. R. Davenport.....	100 00
5	Samuel Lampson, balance of services to 1st day of April, 1875.....	16 67
6	Edgerton Bros., on poor account.....	13 61
7	Selectmen, on poor account.....	100 00
8	Samuel Lampson, part services on Poor Farm.....	50 00
9	F. C. Clark, labor, self and boy haying on Poor Farm...	29 37
10	J. Draper, expense Vee and Thompson to August 1, 1875 Vermont Asylum.....	234 00
11	Selectmen, on poor account.....	34 00
12	Samuel Lampson, part services on Poor Farm.....	50 00
13	Selectmen, on poor account.....	80 77
14	Samuel Lampson, part services on Poor Farm.....	50 00
15	Moses King, school tax Poor Farm, 1876.....	4 75

16	Selectmen, on poor account.....	\$50 00
17	Denny and Brown, care Edward Bain one year.....	60 00
18	Wm. M. Bryant, medical services.....	3 00
19	P. D. Bradford, do do	3 00
20	Edwin Porter, do do 1872.....	7 00
21	Edwin Porter, do do 1874 and 1875.....	28 00
22	C. C. Claggett, do do	9 50
23	E. K. Jones & Co., balance account furnishing Poor and Poor Farm.....	259 50
25	Edgerton Bros., balance account furnishing Poor.....	145 59
26	V. C. Goodrich, medical service.....	6 00
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		\$1415 26

List of Overseer orders outstanding, for the year ending March 1.

1876.

No.		
5	Samuel Lampson.....	\$16 67
9	F. C. Clark.....	29 87
12	Samuel Lampson.....	50 00
18	Wm. M. Bryant.....	3 00
19	P. D. Bradford.....	3 00
20	Edwin Porter.....	7 00
21	Edwin Porter.....	28 00
22	C. C. Claggett.....	9 50
23	E. K. Jones & Co.....	259 50
24	Edgerton Bros.....	145 59-\$551 63

The following is a schedule of poor persons not on the Poor Farm who have been helped by the Selectmen, and Overseers of Poor, for the year ending February 26, 1876:

Mrs Sarah J. Flint; Boyce child.....	\$6 50
C. B. Viall, sickness and burial of Mrs. R. Davenport....	100 00
Francis Yettah.....	40 98
Prosper Allard.....	10 33
Mrs. Julia Ann Butler.....	27 80
John Rubado.....	9 49
James Sprout.....	34 09
Mrs. Jas. McCarty.....	21 88
Miss Melampy.....	1 24
Widow O' Brian.....	2 89
Joseph Paschal.....	15 58
Mrs. Tim. McCarty.....	30 70
Mrs. O'Neal.....	27 01
Mrs. Patterson.....	1 28
James Bruso.....	4 83
Mrs. Bliss.....	47 57
Tyler Ladd.....	57 88
Mrs. Rosa Smith.....	3 75
Augustus Louer.....	2 95
Gilbert Counter.....	19 86
Edward Bain.....	61 07
D. Hannon.....	13 93
Aunt Norah.....	37 48
Mrs. Harriet Staples.....	4 56

Fred Taro.....	\$17 25
Mrs. R. Skinner.....	37 38
Moses Miller.....	6 78
Joseph Hall.....	10 00
Noel Blair.....	8 81
Frank Bruso.....	4 44
John Duval.....	19 18
Samuel Martin.....	5 19
Andrew Butler.....	7 91
Mrs. Alex. Bell.....	2 35
John Miller.....	40 33
Joseph Plant.....	3 00
Augustus Boardman.....	5 03
George Amsden.....	6 20
Transient paupers.....	22 48
Vermont Asylum, Insane, Edward Veo.....	117 00
do do do Henry Thompson.....	117 00
Amount of orders given for medical services.....	75 50

\$1089 48

Deduct for care and burial of Mrs. Davenport previous to this year.....	\$100 00
do for medical services previous to this year	59 00
do for received on account of John Cannon	15 00—\$174 00

Leaving the expense of the poor not on the Farm, \$915 48

D. W. HADLEY,	} <i>Selectmen as</i>	
E. K. JONES,		} <i>Overseers of Poor.</i>
O. D. EDGERTON,		

This day settled with the Selectmen as Overseers of the Poor, and find their accounts properly vouched and balanced, as above.

GEORGE H. CRANE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>	
C. D. WILLIAMS,		}
E. S. STEBBINS,		

Northfield, Vt., Feb. 29, 1876.

There have been sixteen paupers kept on the Poor Farm, their board amounting to three hundred and eight weeks.

There have also been kept on the Farm about one hundred and fifty-five tramps, their board amounting to about twenty-three weeks.

Whole expense of Poor for the year, as follows:

Expense of Poor Farm.	\$453 80
Expense of Poor not on the Farm.....	915 48
Twelve days' services of Selectmen as Overseers.....	15 00

\$1384 28

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

Amount of liquor on hand Feb. 28, 1876.....	\$168 63
do bbls. and kegs.....	16 00
do sales of liquor.....	1782 98
do do bbls., kegs, &c.....	26 00
do do confiscated liquor.....	26 80
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	\$2020 41

Amount of liquor received Feb 19, 1875.....	\$143 93
do bbls. and kegs.....	20 30
do liquor bought and paid for.....	1319 70
Amount paid freight, express, &c.....	33 80
do Agent's salary.....	100 00
Amount of profits.....	402 68—\$2020 41

Also on hand:

20 gals. cherry rum, confiscated.	
22 gals. whiskey, do	
65 gals. cider, do	
88 gals., 2 bbls., whiskey. do	

D. W. HADLEY,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
E. K. JONES,	
O. D. EDGERTON,	

Northfield, Feb. 28, 1876.

SCHEDULE OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY CERTAIN TOWN OFFICERS.

Ira A. Holton, Lister, 24 days.....	\$30 00
Francis Wright, Lister, 28 days.....	35 00
A. A. Preston, Lister, 16 days.....	20 00
D. W. Hadley, Selectman, 34 days.....	42 50
C. S. Richmond, Treasurer.....	20 00
E. K. Jones, Selectman and Overseer.....	62 50
O. D. Edgerton, Selectman and Overseer.....	87 50
Geo H. Crane, Auditor.....	3 75
C. D. Williams, Auditor.....	3 75
E. S. Stebbins, Auditor.....	3 75
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	\$308 75

We have examined the accounts of the several Town Officers for personal services rendered for the year ending March 1, 1876, and allowed them as given in the above schedule.

GEO. H. CRANE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
C. D. WILLIAMS,	
E. S. STEBBINS,	

February 29, 1876.

A claim of \$22 00 has been presented to us for fees and expenses in suit of State vs. Heman Carpenter, by A. D. Metcalf, which we respectfully report to the town for their action.

GEO. H. CRANE,
C. D. WILLIAMS, } *Auditors.*
E. S. STEBBINS, }

February 29, 1876.

SURPLUS FUND.

The Trustee of the Surplus Fund would report that the whole amount of the fund, as of March 1st, 1875, was \$6788 84, for which amount the Trustee holds a note against the town. The amount of interest for the year ending March 1st, 1876. will be \$407 33.

MINISTERIAL MONEY.

Division of ministerial money between the religious societies of the Town of Northfield, for the year 1875.

Methodist Society.....	\$7 70
Episcopal do	7 70
1st Restoration do	7 70
Roman Catholic do	7 70
Congregationalist do	7 70
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	\$38 50

Given under our hands this 1st day of February, 1876.

D. W. HADLEY;
E. K. JONES, } *Selectmen.*
O. D. EDGERTON, }

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

No. Dist.	Attendance.	Amount.	No. Dist.	Attendance.	Amount.
1.....	1274	\$37 72	11.....	1681	\$40 33
2.....	1140	36 84	12 Joint Berlin	490	10 46
3.....	4071	55 77	13.....	8957	87 33
Graded	40611	291 82	14 Jt. Roxbury	1063	23 39
5.....	3112	49 57	15.....	1683	40 34
6.....	654	33 70	16.....	640	33 61
7.....	2881	48 09	17.....	988	35 85
8.....	1739	40 70	20.....	1475	39 00
9.....	1471	38 97			
10.....	2797	47 54			
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				76727	\$991 03

We certify that the foregoing is a true division of the school moneys in the treasury of the Town of Northfield, made agreeably to law.

D. W. HADLEY,
E. K. JONES,
O. D. EDGERTON, } *Selectmen.*

Northfield, March 26, 1875.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1875	Feb.	22	Balance in treasury	\$4,131 73
	April	2	Money of Selectmen	200 00
		14	do	200 00
	July	2	do	291 82
	Aug.	30	F. W. Gold's receipt	4,194 98
	Oct.	1	Payment. of C. B. Gold's note	174 12
		5	Liquor agency	130 77
	Nov.	2	Part payment on sale of Town House	100 00
	Dec.	8	Settlement with Henry M. Boyce	150 00
1876	Jan.	5	Liquor agency	200 00
		8	Money of Selectmen	100 00
	Feb.	28	Payment. on sale of Town House	275 00
			Sale of liquor, money of Selectmen	167 02
	Feb.	29	Justices of the Peace	10 75
				<u>\$10326 19</u>

CREDIT,

1876	Feb.	29	By Selectmen's orders paid	\$3,953 31
			Interest on same	158 96
			Overseer's orders paid	937 63
			Interest on same	42
			Justices orders paid	18 79
			Bal. tax receipts and cash	5,257 08
				<u>\$10326 19</u>
			Due on J. Winch's rec't June, 1872 ..	\$9 75
			do do do 1873 ..	475 00
			do O. P. Winch's rec't Dec., 1874 ..	1242 02
			do F. W. Gold's do June, 1875 ..	2404 92
			Cash on hand	1125 37
				<u>\$5257 06</u>

We have, this 29th day of February, A. D. 1876, examined the accounts of C. S. Richmond, Treasurer, and compared the same with the vouchers, and find them correct, and the assets in his hands as given in the foregoing report.

GEO. H. CRANE,
C. D. WILLIAMS,
E. S. STEBBINS, } *Auditors.*

STATEMENT OF THE FINANCES OF THE TOWN

The whole amount of orders issued by the Selectmen for
the year is..... \$8522 62
Of which there has been paid..... 2998 59

Leaving the amount of orders for the year unpaid \$5524 03
Amount of Overseer's orders..... 551 63
Orders outstanding for the year ending February 25, 1875:
John Plastridge..... \$202 06
Henry Averill..... 100 00
Wm. M. Davis..... 137 50
A. K. Johnson..... 2 00 — 441 56
Orders outstanding previous to February 25, 1874..... 1809 55
There is due to individuals as appears from the report of
last year..... 703 84
There are notes due on account of purchase of
Poor Farm..... \$2000 00
Add eleven months interest..... 110 00—2110 00
Interest on school fund..... 407 33
Amount of claims of Town Officers for services during the
year, as per schedule..... 308 75
\$11,856 69

Cash in Treasury..... \$1125 37
Due on J. Winch's, receipt, June, 1872..... 9 95
J. Winch's, receipt, June, 1873..... 475 00
O. P. Winch's, receipt, December, 1874.. 1242 02
F. W. Gold's receipt, June, 1875..... 2404 92
Amount of liquor on hand..... 168 63
due for butter sold from Poor Farm.... 182 75
due for lot sold in Cemetery at Center.. 15 00
due for hay sold from Cemetery at Center 8 00
due from cost from C. A. White, about.. 70 00—5701 44
\$6155 25

The town has a judgment against S. F. Judd for \$438 82, with interest from March 12, 1874, and costs.

D. W. HADLEY,
E. K. JONES, } Selectmen.
O. D. EDGERTON, }

To the Treasurer of the Town of Northfield:

The following is an abstract of the fines and penalties imposed by me to this date:

1875.
Feb. 2, 3. Charles Gilman and — Smith,
Fine..... \$5 11
Costs..... 11 14
The warrant is in hands of I. W. Avery.

Feb. 9.	George Braley,	
	Fine.....	\$20 00
	Costs.....	10 08
	Paid into treasury.	
Dec. 6.	Arthur Locklin and Herbert Robinson, sentenced to Reform School, with alternate sentence of \$10 00 each and one half the costs, \$9 40. Appealed.	
1876.		
Feb. 3.	James Rohan,	
	Fined, \$10 00 and costs, \$8 95. Appealed.	
1875.		
Dec. 10.	D. McCarty,	
	Fine.	\$5 00
	Costs.....	5 75
	Paid into treasury.	

MARTIN COBLEIGH, *Justice of Peace.*

The attention of the Selectmen was called to the condition of the pamphlet laws and reports in the Town Clerk's office, and upon consultation and inquiry it was found that complete sets of them were being sought for by library associations to such an extent that they were becoming scarce and valuable, and for their better preservation the Selectmen decided to have them bound. Through the courtesy of the State Librarian in supplying some missing numbers, we are able to get complete sets of the laws; the Journals of the House and Senate, and all but two numbers of the Journals of the General Assembly, which we have had bound, making 64 volumes, at the expense of \$28.80.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the people of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit to you my Second Annual Report of the Public Schools:

No. 1.—The summer term was taught by Miss ABBIE WRIGHT. It was Miss WRIGHT's first term. I think she succeeded very fairly. Most of the scholars were small. The winter term was taught by ISADORE BUCK. Miss BUCK is among the best teachers in town. This being her fourth term in this school, shows in what estimation she is held by the district.

No. 2.—Summer term taught by LIZZIE PAGE; the winter term

by HENRIETTE AINSWORTH. This is a small school, but a good one, and gives evidence of having been generally well taught. I thought that, while Miss PAGE seemed to have a well-ordered school, her qualifications, though equal to some of the other teachers', were not quite good enough for the best advancement of some of the most advanced pupils. Miss AINSWORTH is a teacher of much experience, and taught a good school.

No. 3.—This is one of the most difficult schools in town, both to teach and govern. One reason for this is that the school-house is not large enough, especially for the winter term. Both summer and winter terms have been taught by MARY DOLE, to the general satisfaction of parents and pupils. I visited the school several times, and was well pleased with the recitations, though the large number of classes prevented the giving of as much time to each as is needed.

No. 4.—The superiority of the "Graded School" is more and more apparent as time goes on. While there are individual instances of just as good progress being made in other schools, no other school has advantages that at all compare with it. The one great drawback, heretofore, has been want of room. This will doubtless be remedied in the new building about to be erected.

Mr. SAVAGE leaving at the close of the winter term, 1875, was somewhat of a damage to the school for the spring term. Mr. SMITH did the best he could, but no teacher can do as well the first term as he can after becoming acquainted with his pupils and their wants.

Mr. A. W. BLAIR, who has had charge of the school since the beginning of the fall term, has shown himself to be a teacher of more than ordinary ability, and the committee and district are to be congratulated for securing so good a teacher. In some respects Mr. BLAIR is superior as a teacher to any of those who have preceded him. His custom of visiting every room each day is to be commended, and I hope that he may be provided with such teachers for assistants as will enable him to do more of this work.

Miss ANNA E. BABCOCK, the preceptress for the past two terms, has done her work well and faithfully.

Of Mrs. SMITH, Misses DUTTON and THOMPSON I need not speak. Their long connection with the school renders anything I might say superfluous.

Miss JENNIE THOMPSON came at the beginning of the winter term. She seems to have got along fairly.

I should like to see Free-Hand and Mechanical Drawing introduced into the school. They are now required by law in many of the states, and there is no good reason why they should not be taught

here. Every teacher who applies for a situation should be required to pass an examination in this branch. It will cost no more for teachers who can than for those who cannot teach it.

If I have spoken at greater length of this school than others, it is because of the important relation it sustains to the other schools. Most of our teachers are fitted here, and the better this school the better every other in town.

No. 5.—Both summer and winter have been taught by ANNIE REARDON, making three successive terms in the same district. This is a good school. Both teacher and pupils seemed interested in their work.

No. 6.—This school has been taught both terms by FLORA AVERILL. The school is small, and the pupils are most all young. Miss AVERILL has rare abilities for teaching children. It is seldom that children become so attached to their teacher as her pupils did to her. Since closing her school in this district, Miss AVERILL has been assistant to Mrs. SMITH in the Graded School.

No. 7.—LELLA WEBSTER, teacher, both summer and winter. This has been one of the best taught schools in town.

No. 8.—Summer term, LUCY AVERILL, teacher. Miss AVERILL taught a good school. Winter term, ANNIE FULLER, teacher. This is Miss FULLER'S fourth term, which fact is in itself the best commentary on her success. This district can boast of having the worst school-house in town.

No. 9.—EMMA BLAKE taught the summer term—also the last eight weeks of the winter term. The winter term was begun by Miss ADDIE SLACK, who only remained four weeks. I was not in the school while Miss SLACK was teaching, but Miss BLAKE taught a good school.

No. 10.—ELLA L. WAY, teacher, summer term, MARY O'NEIL, winter term; both had good success, and the school seems to be thriving.

No. 11.—Summer term, MARY E. THOMPSON, teacher. I was much pleased with this school. Miss THOMPSON is a graduate of the Randolph Normal School, and her training there has given her an advantage over many of our teachers. The winter term Miss JENNIE JONES, teacher. Miss JONES is a teacher of considerable experience, and is always successful.

No. 13.—Summer term, MARY O'NEIL, lower room. Miss O'NEIL has taught several terms with good success. This was her second term in this district. The upper room for the Summer term was under the charge of MARIA L. AUSTIN. This department was well taught and governed. Teachers for the winter were Z. S. STANTON,

lower room, and ELLA L. WAY, upper room. Both schools were well taught. The lower room of this school is too crowded to secure the best results, especially in winter.

No. 14.—The summer term was taught by MARY DUNSMOOR, with good success. Winter term, VIOLA B. WEBSTER, teacher. I was able to visit the school once, and I found Miss WEBSTER sick, so I did not see the school.

No. 15.—NELLIE M. FULLER, teacher, summer term. MARY J. SMITH, winter term. Both teachers have done good work.

No. 16.—Summer term was taught by ADDIE SLACK. The winter term by Miss LUCY AVERILL. Miss AVERILL has proved herself to be a good teacher.

No. 17.—Summer term, CLARA J. HOLTON, winter term, SARAH J. FIELD, teachers. Both teachers got along well. The school is composed of small scholars, and is an easy one to teach.

No. 20.—Both terms taught by LIZZIE BROWN, with good satisfaction to the district, I think.

There should be a greater interest taken in our common schools. It is a rare thing that any member of the district, any father or mother, visits the school. If this were done more, we should have better schools. We need better qualified teachers than the majority now are, and when they are demanded they will be had. Many of the school-houses are unfit for the purpose, and should be replaced by better ones. Many of the districts are small, and, perhaps feel unable to build new. I would suggest a consideration of the town system of schools to the people of Northfield. Wherever this system has been tried, it has given good satisfaction, and is considered as far superior to our present district system.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES DOLE,

Superintendent of Schools.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

FOR THE

Year ending February 20, 1877.

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MONTPELIER:

J. & J. M. POLAND, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

The inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, who are legal voters in Town Meeting, are hereby notified to meet in Concert Hall, in the Village of Northfield, on Tuesday, the sixth day of March, 1877, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of transacting the following business :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To hear and act upon the several Town Reports.
- 3d. To elect all necessary Town Officers.
- 4th. To raise money to defray the current expenses of the Town and its indebtedness.
- 5th. To see if the Town will raise money for highway purposes in addition to the legal highway tax.
- 6th. To see if the Town will exempt the polls of Firemen from taxation.
- 7th. To make alterations in School Districts.
- 8th. To do any other proper business.

GEO. NICHOLS,
JAMES MORSE,
ROYAL W. CLARK, } *Selectmen.*

NORTHFIELD, VT., Feb. 17, 1877.

REPORTS.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors of the town of Northfield, in pursuance of their duty, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Treasurer, and other town officers, for the year ending February 20, 1877, and find them to be correctly rendered, and those of the Treasurer accompanied with proper vouchers.

The whole amount of orders issued by the Selectmen for
the year is.....\$9589 49
Of which there has been paid..... 3490 39

Leaving amount of orders for the year unpaid..... 6099 10
Overseer's order unpaid..... 150 00

Orders outstanding for the year ending March 1, 1876 :

No.		
8	R. W. Clark	\$ 37 50
9	Roxana Nichols.....	300 00
24	Roxana Nichols.....	200 00
25	E. K. Jones.....	41 73
32	Carrie M. Smith... ..	500 00
37	Betsey Porter.....	350 00
46	Nelson Hassam.....	25 00
49	William E. Dunsmoor.. .	25 00
66	Ann Harrington	100 00
81	Joseph Denny.....	190 63
91	Olive Simons.....	39 37
92	Olive Simons.....	138 75
122	John P. Davis.....	52 35
125	E. W. Howe.....	21 28
132	Holmes S. Thayer.....	320 50
		<hr/> \$2342 11
	Orders outstanding previous to February 25, 1874	1179 55
	Due to individuals as by previous reports.....	160 01
	Notes due on account of purchase of Town Farm	2000 00
	Interest on same 1 year and 11 months.....	236 60
		<hr/> 2236 60
	Interest on school fund.....	407 33
	Claims of Town Officers for services during the year.....	389 41
		<hr/> \$12964 11

ASSETS.

Due on O. P. Winch's receipt of Dec. 1, 1874....	\$410 56
Due on F. W. Gold's receipt of June 14, 1875....	1119 92
Due on F. W. Gold's receipt of June 2, 1876....	3070 91
Cash on hand.	1063 99
Amount of liquor on hand.	392 68
Due for barrels, kegs, &c.....	20 75
Due for cash from C. A. White, about.....	70 00
	<hr/> \$6148 81

Excess of liabilities over assets \$6815 30

The reports of the different town officers are hereto annexed, to which reference is respectfully made.

GEO. H. CRANE, }
E. S. STEBBINS, } Auditors.
S. F. JUDD, }

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The following is a schedule of orders drawn by the Selectmen for the year ending February 19, 1877:

No.

1 Lester Martyn, agent, insurance assessment on the poor farm buildings.	\$7 55
2 Ira A. Holton, services as Lister in 1875	30 00
3 Francis Wright, services as Lister in 1875.....	35 00
4 Alonzo A. Preston, services as Lister in 1875	20 00
5 David W. Hadley, services as Selectman in 1875....	42 50
6 E. K. Jones, services as Selectman and Overseer, 1875	62 50
7 O. D. Edgerton, services as Selectman and Overseer in 1875.....	87 50
8 C. S. Richmond, services as Treasurer in 1875.....	20 00
9 George H. Crane, services as Auditor in 1876.....	3 75
10 C. D. Williams, services as Auditor in 1876	3 75
11 E. S. Stebbins, services as Auditor in 1876.....	3 75
12 Trustees 1st Rest. Society, rent of Concert Hall.....	30 00
13 John Clurey, error in taxes.....	1 82
14 A. K. Rice, damage to horse on highway in 1875....	10 00
15 George S. Glidden, plank for highway in 1875.....	6 80
16 George M. Fisk, legal services to March 11, 1876....	171 15
17 Carpenter & Plumley, legal services to Mar. 11, 1876.	20 00
18 S. F. Judd, assignee, bal. due F. Reed, services of self and wife on poor farm in 1873	25 13
19 Asa Strong, renewal of order 116 of 1872.....	130 00
20 Asa Strong, interest on above order.....	33 84
21 Roxana Nichols, renewal of order 20 of 1875.....	400 00
22 Roxana Nichols, interest (6 mos.) on above order...	12 00
23 John P. Davis, trustee, interest on Surplus fund....	407 33
24 E. S. Stebbins, money loaned.....	250 00

25 Roxana Nichols, interest on order 24 of 1875.....	\$12 00
26 Moses Robinson, part renewal of order 93 of 1875....	800 00
27 Moses Robinson, part payment of order 93 of 1875, \$206.80, and accrued interest, \$60.40... ..	267 20
28 Stebbins & Richmond, money loaned.....	167 20
29 Sophia K. Richmond, renewal of order 62 of 1874, \$137.50, and accrued interest, \$11.92	149 42
30 Carrie M. Smith, interest on order 32 of 1875.....	30 00
31 George B. B. Denny, recording Births, Marriages & Deaths.....	32 00
32 Joel Winch, abatement of taxes of 1872 and 1873....	229 87
33 Betsey Porter, interest on order 37 of 1875.....	21 00
34 N. L. Stevens, labor on highway, Dist. 26.	5 00
35 L. W. Avery, care of and driving hearse to Mar. 6, '76	4 45
36 C. D. Williams, expenses in printing Auditors' re- port, 1876.....	2 35
37 Arvilla Churchill, part payment of money held in trust.....	10 00
38 Michael Conway, labor on highway, Dist. 26.....	9 37
39 William Parker, labor on highway—bal. of account..	8 37
40 Mary M. Braley, executrix of A. Braley's Estate— Juror's fees disbursed by A. Braley in Justice Criminal Courts.....	2 00
41 M. Mallaley, labor on highway in 1875.....	5 00
42 Wm. R. Grandfield, labor on highway in 1875.....	34 16
43 E. S. Stebbins, balance of order 30 of 1875.....	111 28
44 Roswell Dewey, surveying road near M. Conway's...	3 00
45 M. Conway, land damages for pent road.....	15 00
46 Clifton Claggett, for gravel bank.....	25 00
47 Laban Webster, timber for bridge near Peter Bean's.	37 00
48 John Heath, timber for bridge and labor in 1875.....	9 30
49 L. W. Avery, fees in case of town vs. Judd.....	13 50
50 D. Bacon & Chase, plank in 1875.....	62 00
51 Northfield Savings Bank, renewal of order 51 of 1874, orders 2, 20, 21, 22, 83, 130 of 1875, and 4, 16, 17, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 of 1876, and accrued interest.....	1000 00
52 John A. Tyler, timber for Mayo bridge.....	8 50
53 C. F. Dutton, building bridges in Gouldsville, lumber for and labor on highway.....	232 95
54 Ann Harrington, interest on order 66 of 1875.....	6 00
55 A. L. Williams, plank for highway.	5 51
56 Stebbins & Richmond, renewal of orders 5, 9, 12, 36, 39, 40, 48, 58, 69, 77, 79, 86, of 1875, and interest.	452 75
57 Howard Davis, labor on highway	10 85
58 Thomas Elliot, building bridge near Mrs. Hart's....	39 00
59 Nelson Hassam, on account of building "Mill Hill" road.....	200 00
60 R. W. Paige, building bridge near the Bliss place...	120 00
61 Asa Strong, part payment of order 19 of 1876.....	33 90
62 Laban Webster, timber for bridge near Wm. Slade's.	10 66
63 H. B. Briggs, labor on highway.....	10 49
64 David T. Averill, land damage.....	75 00
65 A. S. Cross, plank for bridge.....	9 00
66 Amos Wardner, timber for bridge near Wm. G. Wiley's.....	14 36

67	Frank Woodbury, damage to wagon.....	\$9 75
68	Nelson Hassam, on account of building " Mill Hill " road.....	100 00
69	Frank W. Gold, abatement of taxes—bill of 1875....	69 91
70	Lester Martyn, insurance assessment.....	6 90
71	Timothy Holland, use of watering tub.....	5 00
72	Nelson Hassam, balance for building Mill Hill road.	400 00
73	Northfield Savings Bank, for order 53 of 1872, and orders 59, 60, of 1876 and interest.....	500 00
74	Northfield Savings Bank, balance of orders 59 and 60 of 1876.....	36 73
75	William G. Wiley, damage to plow.....	3 00
76	Roxana Nichols, interest on order 98 of 1875.....	13 63
77	Willard Rice, plank for highway.....	5 79
78	Geo. C. Mayo, timber for bridge near his house.....	6 07
79	Jonas Rich, plank for highway.....	3 33
80	Solon P. Grow, money loaned of L. D. Gilchrist in 1864, note then given	500 00
81	Solon P. Grow, interest on above.....	73 00
82	Roxana Nichols, renewal of order 98 of 1875.....	195 00
83	Bridget M. Sullivan, renewal of orders 95, 121 of 1875, and item of interest added.	200 00
84	Bridget M. Sullivan, bal. of interest on above orders	12 72
85	Chauncey Bennett, plank for highway	9 94
86	David W. Hadley, plank for highway.....	10 57
87	Daniel Bacon, plank for highway in 1875.....	9 24
88	Simon F. Judd, assignee—building foot bridge in Depot Village, and labor extra.	175 00
89	Asa Howe, services as surveyor.....	20 00
90	Samuel Andrews, plank for highway.....	4 31
91	Northfield Savings Bank, renewal of order 126 of '73	300 00
92	Northfield Savings Bank, interest on above order....	18 37
93	J. C. Gallup, work on grading around the Tomb, and plank for highway.....	8 70
94	Perley Belknap, plank for highway.....	6 30
95	John Plastridge, renewal of order 34 of 1874.....	202 06
96	John Plastridge, interest on above order.....	31 42
97	Joel Winch—in full settlement of tax-bills of 1872 and 1873.....	169 88
98	W. H. Morris, care of, and driving hearse.....	37 00
99	Geo. B. B. Denny, for dog-register, chairs, making check list, &c.....	20 25
100	John Clark, damage to plow on highway.....	3 00
101	Nichols & Williams, blank and school books.....	13 16
102	Frank Plumley, legal services to Feb. 17, 1877.....	54 65
103	Ozro P. Winch, abatement of taxes—bills of 1874....	129 12
104	Arvilla Churchill, on account of money held in trust	10 00
105	F. W. Gold, abatement of taxes on bills of 1875, made by abating Board, and errors in tax-bill of 1876....	94 61
106	Jas. N. Johnson, legal services in criminal suits.....	12 36

\$9,589 49

SUMMARY.

Whole amount of orders issued for the year ending February 19, 1877.....	\$9589 49
Of this, there were issued on account of old orders renewed, interest on the same, and money loaned used for the payment of current expenses.....	\$5959 52
For abatement of taxes and fees, on bills of 1871, '72, '73, '74, '75.....	693 39
For money held in trust.....	20 00
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	\$6672 91
Leaving the current expenses of the Selectmen's department.....	\$2916 58

Respectfully submitted,

Northfield, Vt., }	GEO. NICHOLS,	} <i>Select-</i>
Feb'y 19, 1877. }	JAMES MORSE,	
	ROYAL W. CLARK,	

men.

We have, this 19th day of February, 1877, examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen, and compared the same with vouchers, and find it correct.

GEO. H. CRANE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
E. S. STEBBINS,	
S. F. JUDD,	

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 1877, OUTSTANDING.

No.

14 A. K. Rice.....	\$10 00
19 Asa Strong, balance of order 116 of 1872.....	96 10
21 Roxana Nichols.....	400 00
24 E. S. Stebbins.....	250 00
25 Roxana Nichols.....	12 00
26 Moses Robinson.....	800 00
28 Stebbins & Richmond.....	167 20
29 Sophia K. Richmond.....	149 42
30 Carrie M. Smith.....	30 00
43 E. S. Stebbins.....	111 28
51 Northfield Savings Bank.....	1000 00
56 Stebbins & Richmond.....	452 75
64 David T. Averill.....	75 00
66 Amos Wardner.....	14 36
72 Nelson Hassam.....	400 00
73 Northfield Savings Bank.....	500 00
79 Jonas Rich.....	3 33
80 Solon P. Grow.....	500 00
82 Roxana Nichols.....	195 00

83	Bridget M. Sullivan.....	200 00
86	David W. Hadley.....	10 57
88	Simon F. Judd.....	175 00
90	Samuel Andrews.....	4 31
91	Northfield Savings Bank.....	300 00
94	Perley Belknap.....	6 30
95	John Plastridge.....	202 06
96	John Plastridge.....	31 42
100	John Clark.....	3 00

\$6099 10

GEO. H. CRANE, }
 E. S. STEBBINS, } *Auditors.*
 S. F. JUDD, }

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

DEBIT.

Cost of Farm and improvements, as reported Feb. 29, 1876.....	\$4682 24
Interest on the same one year.....	280 93
Provisions, produce, furniture, stock, farming tools, &c.....	1150 98
Grocery account.....	110 04
Repairs and supplies.....	97 52
Blacksmith account.....	7 50
Labor account in full to Feb. 15, 1877.....	265 21
School tax.....	3 80
Clothing poor on farm.....	6 27
Interest on money borrowed.....	5 50
Medicine account.....	1 65
	<hr/> \$6611 64

CREDIT.

Value of Farm.....	\$4682 24
Stock on Farm.....	399 25
Hay, grain, &c.....	182 70
Provisions.....	173 60
Farming tools.....	111 55
Sugar utensils.....	30 00
House, furniture, &c.....	161 10
Wood.....	60 00
Stock and produce sold.....	324 27
Cash of Mrs. Phelps for the support of Theresa Briggs.....	52 00
	<hr/> \$6176 71
	<hr/> \$434 93

The following is a schedule of poor persons not on the Poor Farm who have been helped by the Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 20, 1877:

John Miller.....	\$18 88
Joseph Plant.....	17 15
Moses Miller... ..	8 21
John Rabertor.....	19 09
Godfrey Milo.....	34 94
Andrew Butler.....	7 63
Mrs. James McCarty.....	8 90
Isaiah Verge.....	8 00
Mrs. Tim. McCarty.....	15 16
Mrs. O'Neil.....	34 61
Francis Yatter.....	56 14
Aunt Nora.....	19 90
Denny & Brown, care of Edward Bain.....	60 00
John Duval.....	33 16
James Sprout.....	40 00
Mrs. Robert Patterson.....	19 60
George Amidon.....	18 00
Augustus Boardman.....	93 63
Mrs. Bliss.....	50 05
Jo. Paschal.....	53 84
Anna Hand.....	203 47
Mrs. Alvin Smith.....	43 00
Mrs. Skinner.....	37 25
Mrs. Harriet Staples.....	3 25
H. B. Washburn.....	5 00
Lewis Miller.....	9 27
Sam. Bruso.....	6 25
Alpheus Rich.....	20 50
Sarah J. Flint, care of child.....	5 00
John Battiste.....	2 92
Frank Bliss.	20 80
Jo. Laclair.....	7 00
Mrs. Ella Nichols.	15 08
Orrin Latham	5 92
Lewis Bashaw.....	8 48
A. L. Evans.....	6 00
C. E. Weeks.....	12 47
Byron Hunt.....	8 96
Edwin Taylor.....	2 63
Prosper Allard.....	4 75
Tyler Ladd.....	11 50
Henry Thompson and Edward Veo.....	234 00
Expenses on order of removal of Mrs. Ella Nichols	13 56
Amount of orders given for medical services....	68 50
Transient persons.....	10 00
	<hr/> \$1382 45
Deduct balance due Samuel Lampson in 1875-6..	\$44 12
do. do. Tyler Ladd.....	11 50
do. do. Edgerton & Brothers.....	3 14
do. do. E. K. Jones.....	9 55
	<hr/> 68 31
	<hr/> \$1314 14

F. A. PRESTON, *Overseer of Poor.*

This day settled with the Overseer of the Poor, and find his account properly vouched and balanced as above.

GEO. H. CRANE, }
E. S. STEBBINS, } *Auditors.*
S. F. JUDD, }

Northfield, Feb. 20, 1877.

There have been sixteen paupers kept on the Poor Farm, their board amounting to three hundred and twenty-five weeks. There have also been kept on the Farm about one hundred and fifty Tramps, their board amounting to about twenty-two weeks.

Whole expense of Poor for the year, as follows :

Expense of Poor Farm.....	\$ 434 93
Expense of poor not on the Farm.....	1314 14
Sixty-one days' service as Overseer	76 25
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	\$1825 32

SCHEDULE OF ORDERS ISSUED BY THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 20, 1877.

No. 1.	F. A. Preston.....	\$140 00
2.	F. A. Preston.....	150 00
3.	J. Draper.....	234 00
4.	F. A. Preston	200 00
5.	F. A. Preston.....	100 00
6.	F. A. Preston.....	50 00
7.	Stebbins & Richmond.....	73 52
8.	F. A. Preston.....	100 00
9.	L. B. Thresher.....	50 00
10.	F. A. Preston.....	150 00
11.	F. A. Preston.....	256 15
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		\$1503 67

✓ *List of Overseer's Orders outstanding for the year ending February 20, 1877.*

No. 2.	F. A. Preston.....	\$150 00
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REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY.

Agency of John A. Kent.

Amount of liquor on hand, April 26, 1876....	\$177 49
" bbls., kegs, &c.....	16 00
" cash for liquor sold	183 45
" cash for bbls. sold ...	4 00
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	\$380 94

Amount of liquor on hand Feb. 28, 1876.....	\$168 63
“ bbls., kegs, &c.....	16 00
“ liquors bought and exchange	145 83
“ paid balance of salary, freight, &c.....	35 21
“ profits — increase of stock... ..	\$8 86
Cash paid over.....	6 41—15 27
	<hr/> \$380 94

Agency of T. A. Wiley.

Amount of liquors on hand Feb. 17, 1877.....	\$392 68
“ bbls., kegs, &c.....	20 75
“ cash received for liquors.....	929 78
“ “ “ bbls. and kegs.....	11 00
	<hr/> \$1354 21

Amount of liquors received April 26, 1876.....	\$177 49
“ bbls., kegs, &c.....	16 00
“ liquors bought and paid for.....	820 12
“ salary, freight, &c.....	93 76
“ profits — increase of stock..	\$215 19
“ increase of bbls., &c.....	4 75
Cash on hand.....	26 90—\$246 84
	<hr/> \$1354 21

There is also on hand confiscated liquors — $12\frac{3}{8}$ galls. whiskey and $19\frac{7}{8}$ galls. of cherry rum.

In the “Report of Liquor Agency,” made February 28, 1876, there are given, as confiscated, on hand, 65 gallons of cider, and 88 gallons (2 barrels) of whiskey—it being shown to the Selectmen that the cider did not belong to the party from whom it was seized, but was held simply in storage, it was returned to the rightful owner. The whiskey above referred to, upon examination, proved to be “neutral spirits,”—an article of no possible value to the town, and being in litigation, arrangements were made under the advice of counsel by which it was returned to the claimant, without liability upon the part of the town.

GEORGE NICHOLS, }
JAMES MORSE, } *Selectmen.*
ROYAL W. CLARK, }

Northfield, Feb. 17, 1877.

SCHEDULE OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY CERTAIN TOWN OFFICERS.

E. H. Howes, Lister, $17\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	\$21 87
Fred Parker, Lister, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	30 62
O. P. Winch, Lister, 26 days.....	32 50
George Nichols, Selectman, $49\frac{1}{2}$ days.....	61 88
James Morse, Selectman, 51 days.....	63 75
R. W. Clark, Selectman, 47 days..	58 75
C. S. Richmond, Treasurer.....	20 00
F. A. Preston, Overseer, 61 days.....	76 25

A. O. Smith, Justice—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1 88
D. T. Averill, Justice—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1 88
Andrew Howarth, Justice,—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1 88
S. D. Horner, Justice—abating taxes, $\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	63
Chas. Dole, Justice—abating taxes, $\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	63
Howard Davis, Justice—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1 88
A. L. Smalley, Justice—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day....	1 88
Geo. B. B. Denny, town Clerk—abating taxes, $1\frac{1}{2}$ day.....	1 88
E. S. Stebbins, Auditor	3 75
S. F. Judd, Auditor.....	3 75
Geo. H. Crane, Auditor.....	3 75

\$389 41

We have examined the accounts of the several Town Officers for personal services rendered for the year ending Feb. 20, 1877, and allowed them as given in the above schedule.

GEO. H. CRANE, }
 E. S. STEBBINS, } *Auditors.*
 S. F. JUDD, }

Northfield, Feb. 20, 1877.

SURPLUS FUND.

The Trustee of the Surplus Fund would report that the whole amount of the fund, as of March 1st, 1876, was \$6788 84, for which amount the Trustee holds a note against the town. The amount of interest for the year ending March 1st, 1877, will be \$407 33.

MINISTERIAL MONEY.

The amount of ministerial money in the Treasury for the benefit of the several Religious Societies is \$38.46, and division thereof is made as follows:

To the Methodist Episcopal Society.....	\$7 69
“ Protestant “ “	7 69
“ Congregational “	7 69
“ First Restoration “	7 69
“ Roman Catholic “	7 69
Balance undivided.....	01
	<hr/> \$38 46

GEORGE NICHOLS, }
 JAMES MORSE, } *Selectmen.*
 ROYAL W. CLARK, }

Northfield, March 24, 1876.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

No. Dist.	Attendance.	Amount.	No. Dist.	Attendance.	Amount
1.....	1485	\$40 61	11.	1739	42 39
2.....	1111	38 00	12 Jt. Berlin	490	12 47
3.....	4304	60 24	13.....	8157	87 07
Graded.....	39774	307 26	14 Jt. Roxbury	1295	30 65
5.....	2626	48 54	15.....	1078	37 78
6.....	788	35 75	16.....	558	34 16
7.....	2838	50 03	17.....	1159	38 35
8.....	1826	42 99	20.....	1540	41 00
9.....	640	34 74			
10.....	2541	47 97		73949	\$1,030 00

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a true division of the school money in the treasury of the Town of Northfield, made agreeably to law.

GEO. NICHOLS,
JAMES MORSE,
ROYAL W. CLARK, } *Selectmen.*

Northfield, March 24, 1876.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1876			
Feb.	29	Balance in treasury.....	\$5,257 08
Mar.	3	Money of Selectmen—cemetery lot.....	15 00
	22	do Butter sold.....	182 75
	25	“	250 00
Apr.	3	“	167 20
May	20	“ Part of cemetery lot ...	8 00
June	2	Frank W. Gold's receipt	4,270 91
Aug	23	Money of Selectmen, Hay from cemetery....	6 50
Sept.	19	do Plank sold.....	12 29
	20	“	592 91
1877			
Feb.	13	“ Hay from cemetery.....	8 00
			<hr/> \$10770 64

CREDIT.

1877			
Feb.	20	Selectmen's orders paid.....	\$3,271 64
		Interest on same	39 18
		Overseer's orders paid	1766 76
		Interest on same.....	1 39
		Justices' orders paid.....	26 29
		Bal. tax receipts and cash.....	5665 38
			<hr/> \$10770 64

Due on O. P. Winch's rec't of Dec.	
1, 1874.....	\$410 56
do F. W. Gold's rec't June 14,	
1875.....	1119 92
" F. W. Gold's rec't June 2,	
1876.....	3070 91
Cash on hand.....	1063 99
Ministerial money on hand.....	01
School do	34

We have, this 20th day of February, 1877, examined the accounts of C. S. Richmond, Treasurer, and compared the same with the vouchers, and find them correct.

GEO. H. CRANE,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
E. S. STEBBINS,		
S. F. JUDD.		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the People of Northfield:

In making this, my third annual school report, it is my intention to depart somewhat from the usual course, and instead of making special mention of each district, speak of them as a whole in such a way as to give the best general knowledge of schools, including statistical reports as to attendance and cost, with such suggestions as seem to me to be of the greatest importance.

In the first place, I would call your attention to the statistical information. The results given are not claimed to be strictly accurate. It is impossible at this time to get the exact average attendance, the winter schools not having closed. Again, the clerks in Districts 6, 17 and 20 have failed to make the reports required of them by law, so that I have been obliged to estimate the number of scholars from last year's report. The cost of fuel, and incidental expenses are estimated from last year's reports. But the results given will be found to be very near the truth.

The whole number of children in the town, under twenty years of age, is 1184. Of this number 246 are under five years, leaving for the whole number of persons of school age, 938. The number between fifteen and twenty years of age is 319; between five and fifteen, 619. 861 different pupils are registered as having attended school at some time during the year. While the census returns show but 619 children between the ages of five and fifteen, the school registers show 666 as having attended school. This discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that quite a number have been registered twice, having attended two different schools during the year. Of the 319 persons between the ages of fifteen and twenty, 152 are registered as having attended school.

The total attendance during the winter term has been 710, with an average daily attendance of 575. The total attendance for the summer term was 631, with an average daily attendance of 494. Taking the year together, the average term attendance was $670\frac{1}{2}$; the average daily attendance, $536\frac{1}{2}$.

The amount paid teachers for the year has been \$4542. Estimating the fuel and incidentals to be the same as last year—\$450—the cost of Public Schools, exclusive of interest on the value of school property, has been for the year, \$4992.

Taking the average daily attendance as a basis, the cost is about \$4.55 for each pupil per term of twelve weeks; taking the average term attendance as a basis and it would be \$3 each, per term.

In the Graded-School district the registers show an attendance of 382 different pupils during the year, with an average term attendance of 303. The average daily attendance has been about 260. The expense of a term of twelve weeks is \$909, which is an average term expense of \$3 to each pupil attending, or an expense of nearly \$3.50 on the average daily attendance. If a fair rate of interest be allowed on the value of school property, it would increase the rate \$1 to each pupil. It will be seen that the actual cost of educating our boys and girls is \$4 or over, for every term. In other words, the town of Northfield could as well afford to pay a tuition of \$4 a pupil, as support their schools by the present system. In the high school the average attendance for the year has been 51. The expense of conducting this department is, I judge, \$525, or about \$10 for every student attending. I deem it best to especially mention this, for the

benefit of those pupils or their parents who, residing outside the district, are apt to think the rate of tuition high.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.—I have visited the several schools as frequently as possible during this winter. They are generally doing good work. The teachers are, as a rule, extremely faithful, and doing the best for their schools they are able, under their several circumstances. While I have come to the conclusion that to mention every teacher's name separately can be of no possible use to any one, it might still be well for Superintendents to mention about one third of them—those whom he should consider, under all the circumstances, to have done the best in their schools. One thing which impairs the efficiency of many—of *most* of our schools—is the many different kinds of text books used, thereby increasing the number of classes to such an extent as to seriously injure the school. One other thing that is wanted is more blackboard room. Blackboard work is a very important part of the duty of both teacher and pupil, yet many of our school-houses are without a single decent blackboard. They are not expensive, and I hope those interested will look into the matter, and see that there is not only plenty of blackboard, but plenty of chalk to use on it. You will be well repaid in the more rapid advancement of your children.

SCHOOL HOUSES.—With few exceptions the school houses in the town are comfortable. The Graded-school district and District No. 3 have built new and commodious buildings, and furnished them with the most approved style of desks. The Graded-school building is a model of convenience, and that, at least, has plenty of blackboard. While several of the houses in the different districts need repairing or building over, the one in District No. 8 is the worst of all. It is a disgrace to the district and the town, and the health of both teacher and pupils is endangered if they stay in it.

Two subjects that need more attention than is given to them in all our public schools, are History and Drawing. I believe to the average American, a knowledge of history is of far greater value than a smattering of English Grammar. Such a course in History should also embrace the study of Civil Government. It is astonishing to see how little our teachers, in general, know about their own government, or the history of their own country. As most of our teachers get their education in the graded school, and they will teach what they learn there, I would suggest to the committee of this school the advisability of a more thorough and extended course of History, even to the exclusion of some less important studies.

In my last report I called your attention to the subject of Drawing. Having given the subject more careful attention the past year, I am more than ever convinced of its usefulness. I believe that a well regulated course, extending through each of the departments of the graded school, could not only be carried out without detriment to the other branches, but to their positive advantage. I have seen the results, both in primary and advanced classes. If any one would like to see what the little ones can do, let him visit room No. 2, of the Graded-school, under charge of Mrs. Smith, and see what has been done there. Mrs. Smith tells me that the results have been most excellent in all directions. Most of the work is done on the blackboard. It is an education of the eye, hand and taste, and a promoter of good discipline. May we not look for something further in this direction, and hope that, eventually, it may extend to all the schools in the town and state?

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES DOLE,

Superintendent of Schools.